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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Mr. Shameem **Ahsan** (Bangladesh)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction provides that:

> A Credentials Committee shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-ninth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 March 2015, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-ninth session, namely, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Namibia, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting on 17 March 2015.

4. The Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Shameem Ahsan, was unanimously elected Chair.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the Conference dated 16 March 2015 on the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Union participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat provided an oral update to the memorandum, indicating credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the oral statement of the representative of the Office of Legal Affairs, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the

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Conference, had been received as at the time of the meeting of the Committee from the following 59 States: Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Vanuatu, Zimbabwe and Holy See.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the oral statement, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States and of the European Union to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the European Union and the following 128 States: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Cook Islands, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and State of Palestine.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and in the oral statement, the following 10 States invited to participate in the Conference had not, as at the time of the meeting of the Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations any information regarding their representatives to the Conference: Andorra, Belize, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Niue, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Somalia and Suriname.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States and of the European Union listed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum and in the oral statement, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as soon as possible.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Union referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memorandum of the secretariat.

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.